

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

The Office Action mailed June 3, 2008 has been carefully considered. Reconsideration in view of the following remarks is respectfully requested.

Claims 1 and 30 have been amended to further particularly point out and distinctly claim subject matter regarded as the invention. Support for these changes may be found in the specification with regards to at least FIGs. 7-8, paragraphs 101-110 of U.S. pub no. 2002/0142846. Applicant believes the amendments don't add new matter.

Claims 55-69 have been canceled, without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject matter contained therein.

The 35 U.S.C. § 103 Rejection

Claims 1-11, 13-15, 30-44 and 55-69 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being allegedly unpatentable over Walker et al. (USP 6,110,041) in view of Walker et al. (USP 6,077,163) and Microsoft®Windows®95, among which claims 1 and 30 are independent claims. This rejection is respectfully traversed.

The Office Action states that the “rejection in the previous office action dated 12/13/2008 is maintained and incorporated herein.”

Claims as amended describe, such as recited in claim 1, a gaming machine comprising: I) a master gaming controller that is designed or configured to 1) control a game played on the gaming machine, 2) to request preference account information from a remote server, 4) to configure the gaming machine using the preference account information received from the remote server, 5) to output to a video display a user interface that is hosted on the remote server; 6) to receive data from the remote host for generating the user interface on the video display, 7) to send information associated with preference selections entered via the user interface to the remote host; 8) to configure the gaming machine using the preference selections entered via the user interface 9) receive a wager on an outcome for the game, 10) determine the outcome for the game, and 11) generate a game presentation of the outcome determined for the game on the video display; II) the display for outputting the user interface hosted on the remote server and for

displaying under control the master gaming controller the game presentation of the outcome; III) the user interface configured to display preferences, to receive the preference selections, to display a simulated game outcome presentation generated on the remote host using the received preference selections.

The teachings from Walker, Walker and Windows cited by the Examiner to form the combination of Walker, Walker and Windows used in the rejection don't appear to teach or suggest a gaming machine with the limitations described above. In particular, teachings of the combination don't appear to teach or suggest a master gaming controller designed or configured to output to a video display a user interface that is hosted on the remote server; to receive data from the remote host for generating the user interface on the video display, to send information associated with preference selections entered via the user interface to the remote host and the display for outputting the user interface hosted on the remote server and for displaying under control the master gaming controller the game presentation of the outcome. Further, teachings of the combination don't appear to teach or suggest the user interface configured to display preferences, to receive the preference selections, to display a simulated game outcome presentation generated on the remote host using the received preference selections. Therefore, for at least these reasons, the combination of Walker, Walker and Windows can't be said to render obvious claims 1-11, 13-15, 30-44. In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully asserted that the claims are now in condition for allowance.

Conclusion

It is believed that this Amendment places the above-identified patent application into condition for allowance. Early favorable consideration of this Amendment is earnestly solicited and Applicant respectfully requests that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case. If, in the opinion of the Examiner, an interview would expedite the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned attorney at the number indicated below.

Applicant hereby petitions for an extension of time which may be required to maintain the pendency of this case, and any required fee for such extension or any further fee required in connection with the filing of this Amendment is to be charged to Deposit Account No. 504480 (Order No. IGT1P026).

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